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REMARKS

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1. On 13 March 1951, a train of 18 boxcars and 6 flatcars carrying six T-34/85 tanks was at the Leipzig (N 52/E 21)-Wahren railroad station; the engine faced the direction of Halle.

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2. On 22 March, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau billeted about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; some wore artillery insignia, a few, tank insignia. Inasmuch as training activities were almost as intensive as usual, it would appear that only a small percentage of the troops had departed. About 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with light and heavy machine guns practiced penetration and close-combat in the area opposite the barracks installation. Sentries at the two barracks' gates wore red-bordered black epaulets. Three guards posted on the roofs of barracks scanned the surrounding area with field glasses. Among motor vehicles observed in the billeting area were truck occupied by three officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and trucks driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. *

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3. No changes in the occupation of the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Meiterblick were observed. Troops were engaged in close-combat exercises and driving tank chassis. There were many patrols consisting of three soldiers each who wore red-bordered black epaulets and red brassards. Passenger car driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, and truck were observed in the billeting area.

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4. The Train Kaserne on Olbrichtstrasse was occupied by 500 to 700 troops most of whom wore black-bordered black epaulets; some wore red-bordered black epaulets. None of the troops wore branch-of-service insignia. There was no training activity. Gate guards were alternated monthly; sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets were on guard duty for one month and sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets the following month. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area included passenger car radio car truck occupied by a major with black-bordered black epaulets; truck occupied by a master sergeant with black-bordered black epaulets; and passenger car occupied by an officer with red-bordered black epaulets.

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5. No changes in the occupation of the Hindenburg Kaserne were observed. Most of the troops observed wore black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia but some of them wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. The coming and going of numerous officers indicated that a komendantura was located there. Truck [] carrying 20 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, was observed. 25X1
6. On 22 March, 400 to 500 officers and EM of all branches of service, including the air force, were patients at the hospital on Danzigerstrasse. Motor vehicles observed at the hospital included ambulances [] and passenger car [] occupied by an officer with red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
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7. In mid-March, the Hindenburg Kaserne, which is also called Nachrichten Kaserne, housed the Soviet Central Komendatura. One day, 160 ZIS trucks were parked in front of the northernmost barracks building. Their numbers could not be determined. Truck [] occupied by one officer and 18 EM, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, was identified at the installation.** 25X1
8. From 100 to 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed receiving basic training in the Flak Kaserne, Schoenau, for three consecutive days in mid-March. [] 25X1
- [] Comment. [] a train carrying elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div left Leipzig-Markranstaedt for Weissenfels on 13 March 1951. [] The present report indicates the possibility that individual components of the division moved to various troop training grounds simultaneously, probably for short periods of field training. Hence, it appears that the 21st Gds Mecz Div had not moved as a whole to troop training grounds by the end of March 1951. 25X1
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- [] Comment. The information indicates no changes in the installations mentioned. [] 25X1

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